

April 16, 2015

Dear District Administrator:

During the 2013-15 budget cycle, Wisconsin passed a budget bill that included funding and legal authority for the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop an academic and career planning (ACP) process in accordance with Wisconsin Statute sec. 115.28(59). I would like to update you on ACP implementation progress in two key areas: administrative rule and the software solution.

Administrative Rule

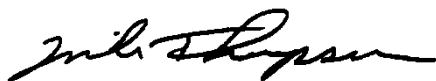
DPI, with the assistance of multi-agency partners and representative educators on the ACP Advisory Council, proposed changes to an existing administrative rule under Chapter PI26 Education for Employment, which revised it to incorporate academic and career planning services. The revised administrative rule is more comprehensive across education for career awareness, exploration, management, and planning. Additionally, this revised rule captures the intent of the legislation balanced with enough flexibility to ensure innovative practices can continue to flourish. DPI has scheduled the public hearing on the proposed rule for May 20, 2015, between 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at 125 South Webster Street (GEF 3 Building), Room P041, Madison, WI. The text and status of the proposed administrative rule can be found at:
http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr_15_025.

Software Solution

In addition, the 2013-15 state budget allocated \$1.1 million dollars of General Purpose Revenue (GPR) for 2014-15 in a continuing appropriation to implement academic and career planning, which includes the procurement of a statewide ACP software system. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for providing a commercial, web-accessible, vendor-hosted ACP software solution for all Wisconsin school district students in grades 6 through 12 was published on March 25, 2015. The software solution, once selected, will be implemented as a voluntary system at the discretion of each school district. Many school districts already have a contracted career development software system in place. School districts that currently contract with the selected vendor may elect to shift to the state contract once their current contract expires.

If you have questions regarding the ACP development process, contact Robin Kroyer-Kubicek, career pathways education consultant, at Robin.Kroyer-Kubicek@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 266-2022. For more information about ACP, see our website at dpi.wi.gov/acp.

Sincerely,



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